

The Victoria Dock Heritage Trail : A Walk of Discovery

The trail describes a history of Victoria Dock. It includes Henry VIII's defences on the East of the River Hull. Of interest to historians and especially people who enjoy engineering.

It is probably best to drive onto the Dock via the traffic lights junction which leads past the pub, then you could park in front of the shops on Southbridge Road.

Practicalities: There are no public toilets on the trail.

The shops are close to information board number 1, which is on the side of the Winding House It will introduce you to the walk. There is a large trail map here.

There are information boards with numbers 1-20, each with headings and locations. *Each Board has a trail map on it and shows where to find the next in the sequence.*

1 **The Winding House**, is on the far side of the roundabout at the junction of Plimsoll Way and South Bridge Road. *The 5 ton steam engine that was here is, at present, in Humber Dock Street, close to the Marina.*

2 Here there is reference to **Humphrey and Pearson's Shipyard**

3 Across the road, on the grassed area are the remnants of the **Citadel** and **Watch tower** which stood on the east bank of the River Hull, between 16th to 19th Centuries.

4 Going west towards the river Hull is a board about **The Fever Hospital**, formerly on Hedon Road. This lies in front of the school playing field.

5 Continuing west along South Bridge Road near to the Premier Hotel, is a board marking the site of **The Citadel Hotel**. It was a 19th Century pub on the corner of Citadel Street..

6 Near to the Deep is the site of the **South Blockhouse**, again part of the fortifications on the east bank of the River Hull

7 Again, by the Deep, the board tells about the **Ha'penny Bridge** that was over the River Hull. The name is also celebrated by the name of apartments off Plimsoll Way

8 This board marks **Sammy's Point** where the Deep is situated.

Walk behind The Deep and enjoy the two rivers, the birds and the peace. Land was reclaimed here in the 1850s by Martin Samuelson.

Along here is a lovely walk by the side of The Humber.

9 This plaque is shown on plaque 8 to be on the river front by Pilots Way, but it is missing possibly having been moved because of the building work.

10 **The Slipway** meets the river front on Plimsoll Way

11 Here you will find the **Half Tide Basin** with bridge on the river front.

12 at Lancelot Court,

13 on Malden Drive,

14 on Helm Drive, and...

15 at the bottom of Corinthian Way are all inaccessible because of the building work and it has not been possible to learn what they refer to yet.

16 **Last Man Standing**, is a reference to the closure of Earl's Shipyard and can be seen at the top end of Corinthian Way on South Bridge Road.

17 **Coal Crane and Fires** is adjacent to Victoria Park.

18 Victoria Station and..

19 Victoria Dock are both within the park. *We really liked the sun dial. It is big.*

20 **Hartley Bridge** is just across the road at the top of the Basin.

The Victoria Dock Trail was instigated by a group of residents. As yet we only have a short list of first names so are not able to credit them properly.

We would like to thank **Dog Walk Tours** for their help.